

September 12, 2015
MEETING MINUTES OF
DALLAS CHAPTER #2

SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION



President, George Ramphrey called the monthly meeting to order at 8:30am in the dining room of the Presbyterian Village North Retirement Community in Dallas, The invocation was led by **Chaplain Frank Ponders**. The Pledge to the **United States Flag** was led by **President George Ramphrey** and the pledge to the **Texas Flag** was led by **FCP, Tom Whitelock**. **President George Ramphrey** led the affirmation to the **SAR pledge**.

Next, Compatriot **Tracy Ponders** lead the attendees in "My Country Tis of Thee." **Head Greeter, Ralph McDowell** recognized **Chaplain Frank Ponders** and **himself** as the greeters for the morning's meeting .



President George Ramphrey recognized visitors and guests for the morning's meeting. This was followed by a joke from **Dr. Charles Baker**.



Americanism

Today's Americanism was presented by Compatriot, D.A. Sharp. His topic for the morning was "The Value of Reputation". He discussed the wide variation in the reputations of patriot Benjamin Franklin and famous traitor Benedict Arnold who earned the worst reputation for that time period.



Program



The main speaker for the day's program is **Compatriot, John Guittard**. Mr. Guittard was the Registrar for the Chapter and is a well known speaker to the group. His topic for today was "The Deciding Battle of the American Revolution". Despite the fact that Yorktown was the point of surrender for the British, the deciding battle occurred prior to that on the sea. This battle, the Battle of Chesapeake Bay was funded and supported by Compte De Grasse a brilliant French naval commander. Without help from the French, it is doubtful that the revolution would have been won by the American Patriots. Following the presentation, **President George Ramphrey** presented Mr. Guittard with a replica of a revolutionary cannon and certificate of appreciation.

OFFICER'S REPORTS

1st Vice-President Mark Hansen was absent from today's meeting **2nd Vice-President, Jim Fairbairn** stated that he had an award to presented to a recognized teacher; however, he/she did not show up at the meeting. **Secretary, Alan Peterson** stated that the minutes had not yet been published, but would be available in print for the next meeting and would seek approval then. **Treasurer, Nick Harper** was absent from the meeting with FCP, Tom Smith filling in. A printed budget was available for review. Current checking balance is \$6,461.99 There were 24 members and 9 guests at today's meeting. **Membership Chairman, Ralph McDowell** was asked for an estimate on current members which was 270. He also noted that it is time to re-register with Kroger for the rewards program, he also presented a check from Tom Thumb for \$47.68. **Veteran's Affairs Chairman, John Morton**, announced that the veterans appreciated all of the recent donations. The current need for items included toothpaste, razors, underwear and socks.

Color Guard Captain, Rob Kittrell stated that he had a signup sheet for the State Fair of Texas, and that the Color Guard would be participating in two Veterans Day Parades.

New Members



Registrar, Jerry Pinkerton and Assistant Registrar, Jerry Brown is pictured here along with **Kenneth Lamb** (left) and **Warren Johnson** and his spouse. These guys are new members to the **DALSAR Chapter**. **Mr. Johnson's** sons have also been processed for membership to the Chapter.

FCP, Tom Smith held the drawing for the morning. The benediction was pronounced by **Frank Pounders**, and the recessional was led by **President, George Ramphrey**. The meeting adjourned at 9:58am.

Respectfully submitted,
Alan Peterson, Chapter Secretary
